

Europe's *Children*



**MILK**

means Life to them...

# Food and Friendship



"There are millions of desperately hungry children in Europe. Their need is food—immediate and unconditional—and we, Americans of good heart, can give it to them. The people of the European democracies need and want peace. Our friendship, and our cooperation through the United Nations, as F.D.R. strove to realize it, can assure world peace.

Food and friendship—not guns to implement new civil wars—is what they need."

*Rudolf Kurl*

General President,  
International Workers Order



THESE WARSAW CHILDREN are among Poland's two million war orphans for whom camps, orphanages and nurseries are being built. But food supplies are insufficient.

**G**RIM and heart-rending is the plight of Europe's hunger-stalked children, especially those ragged youngsters of eastern Europe and Italy who roam the streets of large cities and towns searching for a crust of bread, a cup of milk. A tragic picture is painted by a UN investigator who recently wrote of Poland: "There is nothing left (in Warsaw) but a heap of rubble . . . among that rubble wander some thousands of dazed youngsters . . . who grew up with death and haven't yet come to know life."



The ravages of tuberculosis, typhoid, rickets and other diseases among the children in the lands occupied and devastated by the Germans, are appalling. This is true of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Italy and the Ukraine. In some areas of shell-ruined Poland tuberculosis among children is as high as 90 per cent. In these lands thousands of Jewish children, survivors of the Nazi death camps, cry for food and help.

Millions of undernourished boys and girls, coming slowly back to life in the new democracies of Europe, are stunted in body, stunned by shock and frightful memories. Many of them forgot the taste of milk during six years of Nazi occupation. Now they face another bitter winter. It is a common sight to see them running around the cold streets in bare feet. But most of all they need food, life-giving milk.

A recent Gallup poll revealed that 74 per cent of the American people are willing to contribute relief money for Europe's children. But these children cannot wait—delay will mean death to thousands of them. Give now, give generously.



ON THE COVER are shown Czech children from Bratislava. Above are some of Eastern Slovakia's 50,000 war orphans who need milk and clothes.

IN THE UKRAINE and Byelorussia alone 18 million children who survived the war, and millions born since, are lacking sufficient food, clothing and medical care.

THESE JEWISH war orphans in France live happily in the home provided by the Emma Lazarus Division of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order—IWO.





IN ITALY aid from UNRRA saved one million children from starvation. The Italian people remember the help they received from UNRRA when Fiorello La Guardia guided its work. But La Guardia and UNRRA are dead, while the needs of Italian children and their mothers are extreme.

POLISH DPs returning home happily prepare to board refugee train. But Poland needs our help to feed and to clothe two million war orphans.



# Facts



- ✓ Out of 12,000 war-maimed children in Italy, there are only 300 for whom hospital facilities were available for proper care.
- ✓ One of every four survivors of the Belsen concentration camp is ravaged by tuberculosis.
- ✓ One of every four Polish babies die in the first year of birth. The death rate among the children of Warsaw is six times higher than among the children of New York City.
- ✓ There are half a million war orphans in Yugoslavia.
- ✓ There are 11 million war orphans in Europe.
- ✓ In Eastern Slavakia alone there are 50,000 war orphans desperately lacking milk and clothing.
- ✓ Among the Jewish people of Europe who escaped Hitler's hangmen are 200,000 Jews in Poland, 150,000 in France, 400,000 in Romania, 33,000 in Belgium, 11,000 in Yugoslavia. There are 3 million Jews in the Soviet Union, 2 million of whom were saved from the Nazis. The Jewish children of Europe are in extreme need.
- ✓ In the Ukraine every 4th house was burned. Five million Ukrainians were slaughtered, two million were enslaved by the Nazi fascists.
- ✓ One out of every 9 Yugoslavs died in the war against Germany.

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# CHILDREN of all countries in Europe NEED YOUR HELP



FACES OF YUGOSLAV war-maimed children remind us of our war ally's sacrifices for victory. Now one of every three Yugoslav babies dies in first year of birth for lack of milk.



HERE ARE SOME of Europe's children who need our help—your help. Polish, Jewish, Czech—they are the future builders of Europe's new democracies. Send them milk.

**THE PEOPLE** of eastern Europe—where the war toll was heaviest—are courageously rebuilding. Of Poland, where reconstruction will take many years, UN reports: "There is still a will to live and a will to help, among the Polish people." Their slogan is: "Everything for the child." In Czechoslovakia, the people—stripped of funds—are contributing workdays for children's relief.

**IN 1945**, before our State Department adopted its present policy of exclusion of eastern Europe from its food program, it reported: "Suffering is most

acute in the Slavic lands of Poland and Yugoslavia (and) in the huge Soviet Union which paid such a stiff price for victory. . . . If they had not stood firm and fought back . . . the war might have been lost."

(Foreign Affairs Outline—State Dept., Dec. 1945, No. 5, quoting N. Y. Times report.)

**WE, IN AMERICA**, cannot and will not forget the sacrifices of our comrades-in-arms who, as our Allies, saved our GI's by thousands. We remember the words of our beloved F.D.R. who said: "What is now being won in battle must not be lost by division among ourselves and our Allies." So, give all you can spare, to send milk to Europe's hungry children.

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